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What we'll talk about today:

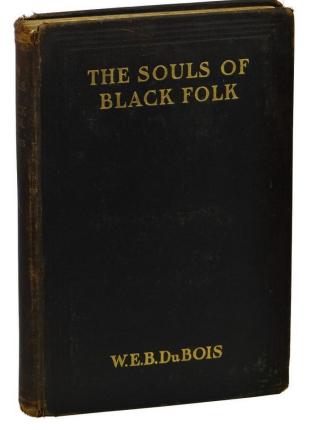
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About W. E. B. Du Bois & the collection

Adam Holmes

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William Edward Burghardt Du Bois 1868 - 1963



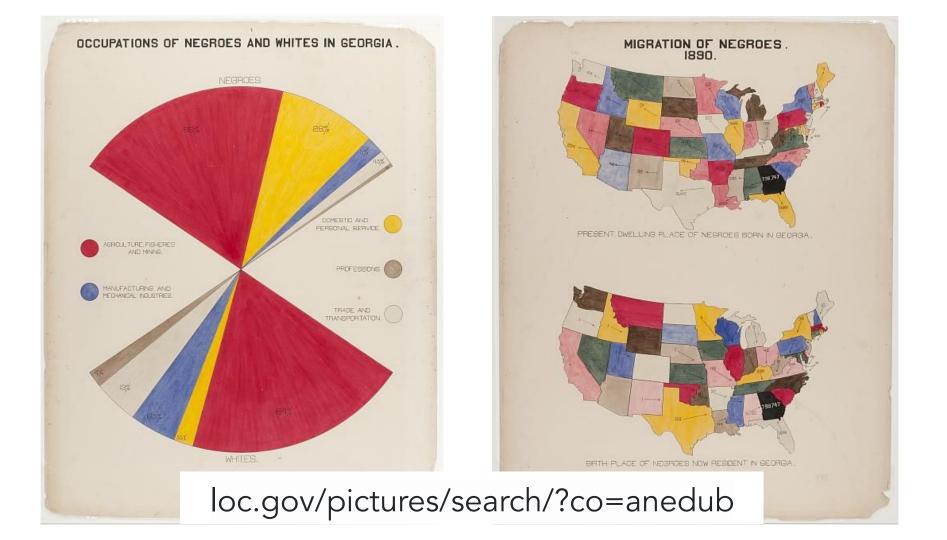
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A history of the part which Black Folk played in the attempt to reconstruct Democracy in America 1860-1880

W. E. Burghardt Du Bois

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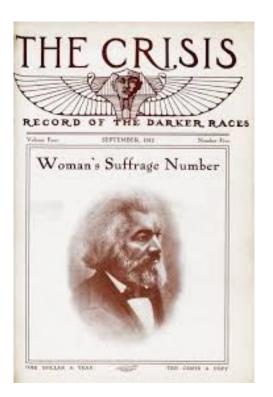
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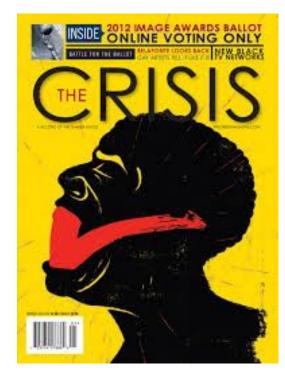
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The W. E. B. Du Bois Papers @ UMass Amherst

- W. E. B. Du Bois Papers housed in Special Collections University Libraries, UMass Amherst.
- Opened to the public in September, 1980
- Over 90,000 individual items all digitized

1201 Harvard St., H.W., Waxhington, D.C. June 8, 1935. Dr. W. E. S. Du Lois. Atlanta University, Atlanta, Sa Dear Dr. Du Jois : Congratulations on Black Recon-Miss Taylor of Harcoust, Grace struction! sent me a copy of the book. I have said to her that I would give it review as soon as possible, and that in the meantime I would send a brief state ment about it. A copy of this is cially pleasing and gratifying reading. Lincerely yours, Denjamin Grawley.



Introduction to Museum in a Box

George Oates

Here's how it works

We exist to help museums increase access to their collections, and connect people through shared histories.

3D prints & postcards trigger audio

Multi-sensory; no screens



Easy to transport

NFC Sticker Each object tells the Box what it is using this simple NFC sticker. "I'm object 123! Please play audio track 123!

Micro SD

Raspberry Pi 3

Already in thousands of schools, this tiny web server packs a processing punch, and can be online. We store the media files on an 8GB micro SD card, and we haven't filled one yet.



Amplifier

From North American Frogs to 15th Century Russian choral music, our amp makes the speaker really sing!

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Hoa Hakananai'a

This chap is about 1,000 years old, and comes from Rapanui. You can call him "lost or stolen friend" if you like.



NFC Reader

Every object in a Box has a sticker on it. This reader figures out which object is which.



Speaker

We've worked hard to make the Box loud enough to be heard over groups of excited kids.



MB Progress Bar

The only piece of custom kit, this physical progress bar lights up when the Box is ready to go. Explore: Collections B

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An Introduction to W. E. B. Du Bois

9 objects

Image view / List view



W. E. B. Du Bois seated with classmates from Fisk University, ca. 1888 2D • CC-BY-NC-ND



<u>Collection Narrator: Dr. Whitney</u> <u>Battle Baptiste</u> 2D • CC-BY-NC-ND



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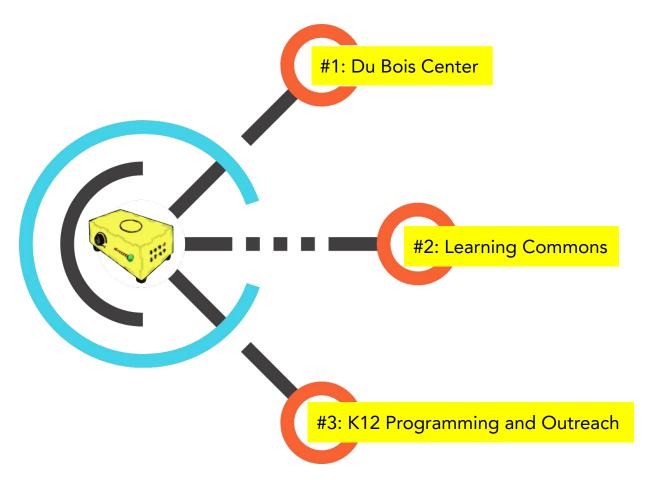
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Bringing it together

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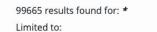
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Stone, Alfred Holt, 1870-1955 Letter from Alfred Holt Stone to W. E. B. Du Bois

Greenville (Miss.) - Thanking Du Bois for a copy of "The Negro Artisan" report and enclosing a contribution to the Atlanta University Conference. Du Bois's note for reply thanks Stone for the contribution.

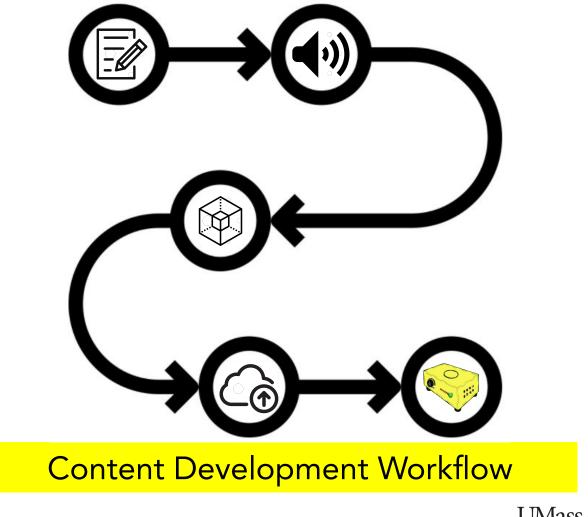
W. E. B. DU BOIS PAPERS



Unidentified minister of the Ghanaian government escorting Shirley Graham Du Bois at the state funeral for W. E. B. Du Bois Accra (Ghana) - An unidentified woman is walking along with them.

W. E. B. DU BOIS PAPERS

Content/Artifact Selection



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- → Garageband (Narration Vocal)
- → Audacity w/ LAME for PC alt

→ MP3 Export

Pandemic recording... looks a little different - BYOB (Bring Your Own Blankets)!

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en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whitney_Battle-Baptiste





Du Bois Long Skating Blade

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- → Unity metallic parameters are tricky (esp for rust)
- → Sketchfab upload (CC BY) for interactivity; download options: glb, gITF, USDZ

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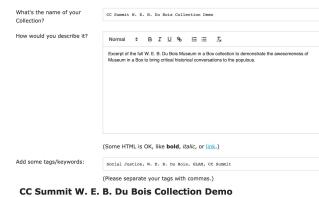
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W. E. B. Du Bois marching on Fifth Avenue, July 29, 1917 in anti-lynching parade, July 28, 1917 2D • CC-BY-NC-ND



One of the greatest debates ever held,

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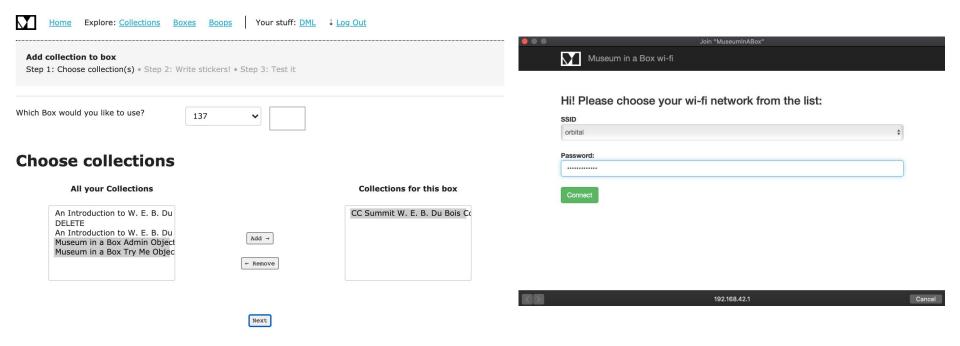
Funeral procession for W. E. B. Du Bois, August 1963 2D • CC-BY-NC-ND



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Star of Ethiopia, May 1916 2D • CC-BY-NC-ND

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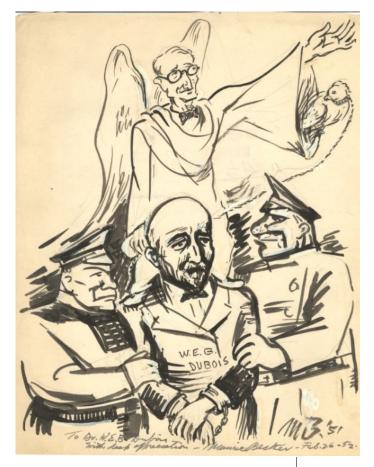


Time for a live demonstration!

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Sharing Narratives, Starting Conversations

- Doing right by Du Bois decolonizing the narrative
- → Getting collections into new hands
- Catalyzing conversations in classrooms, shared spaces, and communities



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Thank you. Questions?

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